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NO CHANGE PROBABLE

HOUSE PROGRAMME FOR HOLIDAY RECESS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE SENATE.

MESSAGES FROM ROOSEVELT

WILL RECEIVE LITTLE ATTENTION UNTIL THE RECONVENING OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Both houses of congress will adjourn on Thursday next for Christmas holidays unless the senate should change the programme adopted by the house, which is not probable. The resolution of adjournment, which was sent over by the house, has not been taken up by the senate but it will probably receive attention there soon, as a meeting of the senate committee on appropriations has been called for today and there is little doubt that the resolution will be reported back and acted upon by the senate. The house resolution calls for the reconvening of the two bodies on Thursday, Jan. 3. There is some disposition in the senate to extend the time until the following Monday, but it does not appear probable that this will be done.

The house has laid out a somewhat extended programme for the time before the holiday adjournment but little attention has been given to any arrangement of business for the senate. In the house Monday was devoted to the consideration of bills under an order providing for the suspension of the rules, and the remainder of the week will be given to legislation pertaining to the District of Columbia and to the making appropriations for the conduct of Indian affairs. There are twenty or thirty bills on the district calendar which Mr. Babcock, chairman of the district committee, is very anxious to have passed and the committee on rules has promised him sufficient time for their consideration. There will also be a strenuous effort to secure action upon the Indian appropriation bill and Chairman Sherman of the Indian committee is very hopeful of success in that direction. If there should be time left the omnibus claims bill will be taken up.

The Urgent Deficiency Bill.
The urgent deficiency appropriation bill, which passed the house Saturday, is expected to receive the sanction of the senate before the holiday adjournment. It will be sent to committee upon its receipt by the senate and a prompt report is expected. The provision in the bill looking to carrying into effect of the pure food law is regarded by both the senate and the house as really urgent and it is not only expected that the senate will pass it but it will dispose of it early enough in the week to return it to the house in time to permit that body to take action before the adjournment on Thursday upon any amendment which the senate may make.

There is also a possibility of speeches by Senators Kittredge and Pearson on their respective resolutions providing for an investigation of the amber trust and an inquiry into the Japanese situation; but while it is known that those senators are preparing to discuss their resolutions it seems quite probable that they will postpone their remarks until after the holidays. Indeed there is a general disposition in the senate to defer any further consideration of important questions until January.

Much interest attaches in both houses to the various presidential messages which it is understood will be sent to congress during the week. The Panama message detailing the president's observations on his recent visit to the canal zone and outlining his recommendations concerning the work there, for the present will receive no attention beyond its formal reading. The same may be said of the four or five other communications which the president has promised for the week.

IOWA BOY MURDERED.
Beaten to Death in Texas by Drunken Hunters.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 17.—Jerry Shepherd, son of a prominent Creston citizen, was brutally murdered in Texas by a party of drunken hunters who beat the lad to death with their cartridge belts and then threw the body into the lake. The crime was committed near Trinidad.

Young Shepherd was assaulted after he had angered the fellows, who had been drinking heavily. Stripping off their belts the entire party began to lash the writhing boy until he fell prostrate.

Relatives in Iowa have taken up the matter and have secured the best available legal talent to prosecute the alleged slayers.

DECLARES CHARGE IS UNTRUE.

Belgian Consul at Chicago Denies Being a Lobbyist.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Charges that Charles Henrotin, Belgian consul in Chicago, was a member of the Belgian lobby working to prevent the United States government from noticing the alleged atrocities in the Congo Free State and with being in the pay of King Leopold of Belgium, were made in an address by Rev. Herbert S. Johnson of Boston in the Park Avenue Methodist church. Dr. Johnson declared representations soon will be made to the state department at Washington which will be followed by a demand to the Belgian government that Mr. Henrotin be removed from the Chicago consulship.

"If Dr. Johnson says I am a member of the so-called Belgian lobby he lies," said Mr. Henrotin. "I most emphatically deny it. There have been atrocities in Congo, but they occurred years ago. King Leopold is doing his utmost to suppress atrocities and punish violations of the law."

Dr. Johnson in his address said: "The atrocities in the Congo are a thousand times worse than is generally known. King Leopold has taken the lands of the native population and has enslaved from 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 black people. According to the prime minister of Belgium the wages paid to the Congo people for work on the rubber plantations is a charity. If the natives are not quick enough in bringing in an amount of rubber to suit the king's agents, they are whipped to death. I am morally certain that a Belgian lobby exists in this country to prevent adverse legislation regarding these atrocities. Among the members of it are the Belgian consul in Chicago, Mr. Henrotin, and Baron Montcheur, Belgian minister at Washington. There is a law in this country preventing foreign representatives from interfering with legislation and Consul Henrotin probably soon will find it to his advantage to stop it."

NO DISTURBANCES IN PARIS.

Church Services in That City Pass Off Quietly.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The serious disturbances that it was believed would ensue on the first Sunday under the law separating church and state were not realized. The services in this city in particular passed off quietly. There was a notable increase in the size of the congregations and in them were large bodies of men who were determined forcibly to prevent the interruption of masses by rowdies. There were only a few cases where rowdies entered the churches wearing their hats and they were promptly ejected and arrested.

Reports from the provinces show that there was great excitement at many places. Large processions chanting psalms accompanied the clergy to and from the churches. Counter demonstrations took place in several cities, notably Perpignan and Rheims, where the Catholics and free thinkers came into collision, necessitating interference by the police, who quickly dispersed the crowds. Several of the demonstrators were injured. Bishop De Briy, while receiving official notice to leave the bishopric of Meaux, suffered a violent nervous shock and fell unconscious. Later, however, he recovered.

SENATOR BAILEY CONFIDENT.

Asserts That He Is Positively Assured of Re-Election.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 17.—Senator Bailey has issued the following statement:

"Answering numerous inquiries from my friends, I state that from letters and telegrams to me from signed statements in the newspapers by members of the senate and house since my answer to Attorney General Davidson's statement, I count positively on twenty-three members of the senate and eighty-three members of the house who are pledged to vote for me. Besides these voluntary pledges, I hear from reliable friends that twelve other members have declared they will vote for me, as instructed by primaries. This makes a total of 116 on joint ballot. I am perfectly satisfied as I declared several days ago, that not fifteen votes will be cast against me."

The house numbers 132 and the senate 31; total 163; necessary to elect, 86.

REVOLUTIONISTS DEFEATED.

Government Troops Win a Splendid Victory in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 17.—Colonel Soriano has informed the government that he attacked the Passage rebels and won a splendid victory. After the fighting at Passage the government forces marched to attack the rebels at Santo Rosa. No details of a fight at the latter place have been received.

Leg Torn Off by a Bomb.

Radom, Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—A bomb was thrown at Colonel Plotta, commander of the gendarmes of the government of Radom. His leg was torn off by the explosion. A student who threw the bomb was arrested.

RIOTING IN PORTLAND

STRIKERS AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN OREGON.

OVER A HUNDRED ARRESTED

STREET CARS CEASE TO OPERATE AT SUNDOWN IN ORDER TO AVOID TROUBLE.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.—The Portland Light and Power company, running their cars with double crews, managed to maintain a desultory service during the entire day up to sundown when, to avoid a repetition of Saturday night's disturbances, all cars were run to their barns.

There were a few incipient disturbances during the day, the most serious being on the outskirts of town, where in a couple of places tracks were barricaded and two cars thrown over by the mobs. The downtown streets were thronged all the afternoon with curiosity seekers, but except attempts by an occasional gang of rowdies to pull trolley ropes, the cars were not molested. The street car company declares that only 37 of its 675 employees have failed to report for work and says it will have no difficulty in operating all its cars if the municipal authorities will prevent a repetition of the excesses by hoodlums which took place Saturday night.

At the street car men's headquarters it is claimed that about 550 men are on strike and the car men profess to believe that the strike is already won. A conservative estimate is that there are about 100 willing strikers out and about 200 unwilling ones. These latter, it is believed, will take the earliest opportunity to join the winning side.

In connection with the rioting the police made more than 150 arrests on charges running from being drunk and disorderly to inciting riot.

PATRICK APPEALS TO HIGGINS.

Asks That Death Sentence Be Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

New York, Dec. 17.—The World says Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, under sentence for the murder of Millionaire Rice, has signed a petition to Governor Higgins begging him to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

The final appeal to the governor was signed by Patrick in the death house. It is not believed that the document has been presented to Governor Higgins yet. John T. Milliken, brother-in-law of Patrick, who has spent a fortune to save his wife's brother from a felon's death, is the one who insisted that Patrick should ask clemency. It is believed that the governor insisted on a personal letter of appeal from Patrick.

FORTY-NINE VESSELS LOST.

Casualty List on Great Lakes Last Season Also Heavy.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Forty-nine vessels, valued at \$1,072,000, were lost on the Great Lakes during the navigation season just closed. The aggregate tonnage of these vessels was 43,522. Unlike the season of 1905, steel vessels have been fortunate so far as total losses go. But four of the forty-nine were of this class. There were 534 casualties reported during the season, against 740 last year. Lake Erie led in the death roll, with 137; Lake Michigan came next with 83. Lake Superior reported 71, Lake Huron 63, the Soo passage 56, the Detroit-St. Clair rivers 105, and Lake Ontario 19.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

Engineer and Fireman Receive Fatal Injuries in Collision.

Canton, O., Dec. 17.—The fact that the Pennsylvania limited, eastbound, though an hour late, ran through the Canton yards slowly, was the means of averting a disastrous collision at night. The limited crashed into a Wheeling and Lake Erie freight train at the junction in Canton yards, derailing both engines and several cars. Engineer John Ray and Fireman George Nichols of the freight were caught in the debris and received fatal injuries.

The engineer and fireman of the limited escaped with bruises.

LONGWORTHS IN AN ACCIDENT.

Their Automobile Crashes Into a Station Platform.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth were occupants of an automobile which crashed into the station platform at Chevy Chase, a suburb. Beyond a severe shaking up the occupants were uninjured. The machine was slightly damaged.

REVOLT IN POLAND CRUSHED.

Accomplished at a Terrible Cost to the Polish People.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 17.—Reports received from points throughout Russian Poland show that the government's policy of firmness has been successful in subduing the last of the smoldering sparks of revolution. This result was accomplished at a terrible cost to the Polish people, the number of victims being estimated at thousands. Business has become stagnant, the trades and industries are bankrupt and the masses are dispirited and in a state of poverty.

Reports from Czenstochowa, a typical Polish town with a population of about 50,000, including many Jews, show that seven so-called terrorists have been tried by drumhead court-martial and executed in the past two days.

Early last week five terrorists were tried, convicted and shot here, as also were three at Sieradz, near Kallisz, two at Tomassow and one at Lomza. These executions have been going on so completely throughout Poland generally that it has become almost superfluous to repeat the daily chronicle of military executions.

Despite the depressing effect of this martial rule the Poles are busily engaged in organizing their forces for the next parliamentary elections. Party differences are forgotten and the national spirit has brought about a merger of the three great Polish parties—Conservative, Progressive and Democratic.

TROUBLE IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Time-Expired Marines Make a Mutinous Demonstration.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—A serious disturbance, indicative of increasing discontent, has occurred here. Several hundred time-expired marines from the naval arsenal made a mutinous demonstration in an old abandoned cemetery behind the American embassy, demanding their arrears in pay and their discharge from the colors. A number of naval officers unsuccessfully endeavored to appease the men, but were stoned and otherwise mistreated. A number of personal encounters resulted, and one officer, drawing his sword, wounded three mutineers, while Vice Admiral Ahmed Pasha and his aide de camp from the naval ministry were injured. After the demonstration had lasted three hours an officer from the Yildiz Kiosk arrived on the scene with the promise that the men's demands would be granted, whereupon the gathering quickly dispersed and returned to quarters.

During the demonstration the public held aloof and neither the police nor the military interfered. During the interval there was much agitation at the Yildiz Kiosk. The sultan, who was greatly disturbed, repeatedly issued fresh instructions to his ministers.

ARTILLERY BADLY DEFICIENT.

Not Even in Proper Condition for Instruction in Time of Peace.

Washington, Dec. 17.—"Both the coast and the field artillery are badly deficient in both personnel and material; neither is in even approximately proper condition for instruction in time of peace, much less in condition for reasonably efficient service in war, and the time necessary to put either in the latter condition is not a matter of days or weeks, but of years."

Brigadier General Arthur Murray, chief of artillery, thus sums up the condition of his arm of the service in his annual report and in which he says it cannot be too strongly urged that appropriate legislation be obtained to make good the deficiencies and to correct the defects referred to.

The total cost of the present system of coast defense of the United States to Feb. 27 last, General Murray says, was \$72,759,853, and the estimated cost to complete the defense of the United States, including estimates for ammunition and cost of sites, is \$50,879,339.

CONDITION OF KING OSCAR.

Heart Action of Sweden's Ruler Somewhat Irregular.

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—A bulletin issued at 11 o'clock a. m. says: "King Oscar slept about five hours but his rest was somewhat disturbed. His temperature and the condition of his lungs are unchanged. His heart's action is somewhat irregular."

The bulletin issued in the evening was as follows: "The king passed a quiet day. He slept four hours. His temperature is 99.8. The action of the heart is unchanged. The catarrh of the trachea is diminished."

KILL A RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

Revolutionists Also Slay Three Peasants Who Pursue Them.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Lipkany, Bessarabia, says that three revolutionists upon being arrested shot and killed an official and then fled. Three peasants who joined in their pursuit were also killed by the revolutionists. Later two of the revolutionists were shot and killed by officials and the third committed suicide.

"Michael's" way

The rapid selling of many articles last week completely closed out many needed Christmas articles and such items as ribbons for making the gifts.

The telegraph, express and fast freight have been employed and today finds us ready to serve you again. Make our store your shopping headquarters.

"Michael's."

The Contest

On another page of this issue of this paper is given the the library contest as it is today. Some society will get this library and beautiful book case absolutely free. It is a race between several. Ours is the only dry goods store giving votes and we give them until Saturday with every purchase. Look the list over, select the society you wish to help and save your votes.

"Michael's."

FRIENDLY TO FRANCE

THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS IN ROME EXPRESS PLEASURE AT HER ACTION.

TROOPS GUARD THE VATICAN

CROWDS MAKE INEFFECTUAL EFFORTS TO BREAK THROUGH THE CORDON.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Thousands of demonstrators friendly to France and of anti-vatican tendencies gathered at night in the piazza adjoining the Farnese palace, the seat of the French embassy, in an endeavor to express their pleasure at France's action toward the church.

The whole garrison of Rome was employed to face the demonstrators and protect the vatican, which is surrounded by cavalry, and the bridges leading to the apostolic palace are barred by troops. All the streets leading to the Farnese palace are protected by soldiers with fixed bayonets.

The demonstrators, led by a dozen radical Socialists and Republican members of the chamber of deputies, including Prince Borghese, after vainly attempting to break the cordon, provided themselves with candles and formed into a mock procession, intoning the Miserere as an indication of the death of clericalism amidst cries of "long live France," "long live Clemenceau," and "down with the vatican."

Deputies Costa and De Felice tried to harangue the people, but the police interfered.

The demonstration occurred near the monument to Giordano Bruno, the monk-philosopher, who was burned alive, a victim of religious intolerance. Deputy Costa finally made himself heard. He said:

"Before this monument to Bruno, of free thought, let us send our applause to France for this great people continuing the traditional obstinate struggle against the moth-eaten clericalism."

Fresh attempts were made to beat back the cordon and the cavalry charged the demonstrators, a few of whom were slightly injured and several arrested. Amid roars and shouts and the singing of the Marseillaise the ferment continued until late in the evening.

A committee of the demonstrators was received by M. Barrere, the French ambassador, who expressed his appreciation for the sympathy of the Roman people.

The government endeavored by all means to prevent the demonstration. The stand that the government is tak-

ing is that although Italy is friendly to France she does not wish to take sides in the dispute, especially when her relations with the church are better now than they have been since 1870.

TO DIFFUSE FALSE NEWS.

Object of the Search of the Archives of the Nunciature at Paris.

Rome, Dec. 17.—A communication issued at the vatican reiterates the previous statement given out there that the object of the search of the archives in the nunciature at Paris after the expulsion of Monsignore Montagnini was to diffuse false news in order to make the public believe that in the papers taken were "low insinuations of a money bargain for the appointment of bishops, gambling on the stock exchange, etc."

The communication repeats the vatican's original denunciation of the tactics employed in securing the papers and especially denounces what it terms efforts to make appear as due to the negotiations of the vatican or of Monsignore Montagnini some of the letters which it says really may have been received and kept as documents, but which no honest man could take as a basis for facts that did not exist. Such letters, it is declared, may even have been sent on purpose to Monsignore Montagnini in order to have a dossier ready when the search was made.

With regard to the alleged arrangement with the Spanish ambassador at Paris for the care of the archives of the nunciature, the communication says that neither the vatican nor the Spanish ambassador to the vatican ever thought of communicating with the Spanish ambassador at Paris without first entering into an agreement.

With regard to the statement published in the National Zeitung of Berlin attributing to hitherto unpublished portions of the memoirs of Prince Hohenzollern the declaration that Pope Leo XIII. asked Emperor William for a gift of \$100,000, the communication declares it to be absurd and to be connected with the German electoral campaign and the anti-vatican campaign.

CHECKING OFF BALLOTS.

Clerks of Big Life Insurance Companies Are Busy.

New York, Dec. 17.—With only twenty-four hours left to receive ballots in the insurance election and check them off preparatory to turning them over to the inspectors who will make the count, hundreds of clerks were busy all day in the offices of the New York Life, Mutual Life and the international policyholders' committee.

Wireless Telegraphy For Autos.

A new wireless invention has been announced by Marconi by means of which, according to a Venice cable dispatch to the New York Journal, automobiles may send and receive messages while traveling.

STORE OF QUALITY

Having greatly multiplied my business within the past month I wish to say that never before in the city of Brainerd have you got such a high class of goods. **Handling no job lots nor sweat shop merchandise** carrying nothing but goods of beauty, style, practical value and durability, I differ from other high class stores because I sell you high class goods at moderate prices and at popular prices. You may come with **confidence** expecting to buy no such values elsewhere as these below:

All Goods Marked in Plain Figures. Strictly One Price to All.

Men's Clothing

It is was somewhat late this fall for clothing, but yet have very nice line that will appeal to you.

Men's fancy mixed Suits, silk thread, latest style, reg. \$15.00	\$12.50
Men's all wool, double breasted, brown mix, latest style, reg. \$15	\$12.00
Men's all wool, hard finish worsted, in double and single breasted, in different patterns, \$12.50, sale	\$10
Men's all wool black worsted clay worth \$15.00, special	\$10.00
Men's fancy mix, worth \$10.00 sells for	\$7.50
Men's fancy worsted and fancy brown mix	\$6.50
Men's half wool and half cotton	\$5.00

Men's Underwear

Cotton fleeced Underwear, regular 50c for	45c
Lambsdown fleece, regular \$1.00, sells at	75c
All wool, good quality, per garment	\$1.00
All wool, better grade, per garment	\$2.00
Australian all wool of fine quality, per suit	\$5.00

Men's Half Hose

Men's half hose	25c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00

Men's Mittens

Men's mittens	25c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.50

Men's and Boys' Caps

Men's and Boys' caps	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25
"	\$1.50

Men's Sweaters

Men's Sweaters	\$1.00
"	\$1.50
"	\$2.00
"	\$3.00
"	\$4.00
"	\$5.00

Men's Work Shirts

Men's Work shirts	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25
"	\$1.50

Men's Ger. Socks

Men's German Socks	25c
"	35c
"	50c
"	75c
"	\$1.00
"	\$1.25

Men's Overcoats

Men's black all wool Kersey, swell coat, regular \$18.00 seller	\$12.50
Men's brown mix, in all wool, very special regular \$15.00 seller	\$10
Men's in a green mix Kersey, all wool, \$15-00 quality, special	\$10
Men's black and blue Beaver in good quality at very low price	\$10
Men's black \$8.50 coats, special	\$6.50

Boys' Over Coats

All wool, same as men's in brown and green mixed	\$8.00
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Boys' Reefers

All wool, blue-black Kersey, with large pearl button, red flannel lin'g	\$4.50
Boys' regular \$5.00 quality for	\$4.00
Boys' \$4.00 seller	\$3.00

Sizes run from 4 to 10 years.

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Dress Shirts

Men's Dress Shirts	\$1
Men's Dress Shirts	\$1.50
Men's Dress Shirts	\$2
Men's Dress Shirts	\$3

Ties

Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	20c
Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	50c
Full French Four-in-hand tie, extra large	75c
Full French Four in-hand tie, extra large	\$1

Mufflers

Silk Mufflers	\$1
Silk Mufflers	\$1.00
Silk Mufflers	\$2
Silk Mufflers	\$2.00
Silk Mufflers	\$3

Vests

Fancy Vests	\$1
Fancy Vests	\$1.25
Fancy Vests	\$1.50
Fancy Vests	\$2
Fancy Vests	\$2.50
Fancy Vests	\$3

Suspenders

Fancy Suspenders	50c
Fancy Suspenders	75c
Fancy Suspenders	\$1
Fancy Suspenders	\$1.25
Fancy Suspenders	\$1.50

SHOES!

Men's

Stacy Adams & Co., pat Colt, button	\$7
Patent Colt, plain bal	\$6
Vici Kid leather, lined	\$5
Men's shoes from	\$1.75 to \$4.50

Ladies

Dorothy Dodd, famous in all styles and leathers	\$3 \$3.50 \$4
Ladies' shoes in all varieties from	\$1.45 to \$3

Boys'

Patent Colt Blucher	\$3
Vici Kid Blucher	\$3
Boys' shoes in all leathers from	\$1.15 to \$2.50

Girl's

Patent Vici Kid	\$3
Vici Kid	\$2.50
Low heel, sizes from 2 to 5½	\$2.00
All varieties	95c to \$1.75

Children's

Patent Colt	\$1.50
Fine Velaur	\$1.35
All solid from	40c to \$1.25

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TELLS CONGRESS ABOUT THE CANAL

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT COVERING CONDITIONS ON ISTHMUS.

SATISFIED WITH SITUATION

DECLARES HIMSELF CONVINCED OF THE SUCCESS OF THE STUPENDOUS TASK.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The president today sent to congress the following special message on the Panama canal:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: In the month of November I visited the isthmus of Panama, going over the canal zone with considerable care; and also visited the cities of Panama and Colon, which are not in the zone or under the United States flag, but as to which the United States government, through its agents, exercises control for certain sanitary purposes. It was three days ashore—not a sufficient length of time to allow of an exhaustive investigation of the minutiae of the work of any single department, still less to pass judgment on the engineering problems, but enough to enable me to get a clear idea of the salient features of the great work and of the progress that has been made as regards the sanitation of the zone, Colon and Panama, the caring for and housing of the employees and the actual digging of the canal. The zone is a narrow strip of land and it can be inspected much as one can inspect fifty or sixty miles of a great railroad at the point where it runs through mountains or overcomes other natural obstacles.

The president then details the programme he carried out during his stay on the canal zone. He says it rained almost continually during that time and that conditions were at their worst when inspected. Continuing, he says:

At the outset I wish to pay a tribute to the amount of work done by the French Canal company under very difficult circumstances. Many of the buildings they put up were excellent and are still in use, though, naturally, the houses are now getting out of repair and are being used as dwellings only until other houses can be built, and much of the work they did in the Culebra cut, and some of the work they did in digging, has been of direct and real benefit. This country has never made a better investment than the \$40,000,000 which it paid to the French company for work and betterments, including especially the Panama railroad.

Preliminary Work Being Done.

The wisdom of the canal management has been shown in nothing more clearly than in the way in which the foundations of the work have been laid. To have yielded to the natural impatience of ill informed outsiders and begun all kinds of experiments in work prior to a thorough sanitation of the isthmus, and to a fairly satisfactory working out of the problem of getting and keeping a sufficient labor supply, would have been disastrous. The various preliminary measures had to be taken first; and these could not be taken so as to allow us to begin the real work of construction prior to Jan. 1 of the present year. It then became necessary to have the type of the canal decided and the only delay has been the necessary delay until the 29th day of June, the date when the congress definitely and wisely settled that we should have an 85-foot level canal. Immediately after that the work began in hard earnest and has been continued with increasing vigor ever since; and it will continue so to progress in the future. When the contracts are let the conditions will be such as to insure a constantly increasing amount of performance.

Successful Sanitation.

The first great problem to be solved, upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was the problem of sanitation. This was from the outset under the direction of Dr. W. C. Gorgas, who is to be made a full member of the commission. It must be remembered that his work was not mere sanitation, as the term is understood in our ordinary municipal work. Throughout the zone and in the two cities of Panama and Colon, in addition to the sanitation work proper, he has had to do all the work that the marine hospital service does as regards the nation, that the health department officers do in the various states and cities and that Colonel Waring did in New York when he cleaned its streets. The results have been astounding. The isthmus had been a byword for deadly unhealthfulness. Now, after two years of our occupation, the conditions as regards sickness and the death rate compare favorably with reasonably healthy localities in the United States. Especial care has been devoted to minimizing the risk due to the presence of those species of mosquitoes which have been found to propagate malarial and yellow fevers. Equal care is taken by the inspectors of the health department to secure cleanliness in the houses and proper hygienic conditions of every kind. I inspected between twenty and thirty water closets, both those used by the white employees and

those used by the colored laborers. In almost every case I found the conditions perfect.

I inspected the large hospitals at Ancon and Colon, which are excellent examples of what tropical hospitals should be. I also inspected the receiving hospitals in various settlements. I went through a number of the wards in which the colored men are treated, a number of those in which the white men are treated—Americans and Spaniards. Both white men and black men are treated exactly alike and their treatment is as good as that which could be obtained in our first class hospitals at home. All the patients that I saw, with one or two exceptions, were laborers or other employees on the canal works and railways, most of them being colored men of the ordinary laborer stamp. Not only are the men carefully cared for whenever they apply for care, but so far as practicable a watch is kept to see that if they need it they are sent to the hospitals, whether they desire to go or not. From no responsible source did any complaint come to me as to the management of the hospital service, although occasionally a very ignorant West India negro when he is first brought into the hospital becomes frightened by the ordinary hospital routine.

Health Showing Remarkable.

Just at present the health showing on the isthmus is remarkably good—so much better than in most sections of the United States that I do not believe that it can possibly continue at quite its present average. Thus, early in the present year a band of several hundred Spaniards were brought to the isthmus as laborers and additions to their number have been made from time to time; yet since their arrival in February last but one of those Spaniards thus brought over to work on the canal has died of disease, and he of typhoid fever. Two others were killed, one in a railroad accident and one by a dynamite explosion. There has been for the last six months a well nigh steady decline in the death rate for the population of the zone, this being largely due to the decrease in deaths from pneumonia, which has been the most fatal disease on the isthmus. In October there were ninety-nine deaths of every kind among the employees of the isthmus. There were then on the rolls 5,500 whites, seven-eighths of them being Americans. Of these whites but two died of disease and as it happened neither man was an American. Of the 6,000 white Americans, including some 1,200 women and children, not a single death has occurred in the past three months, whereas in an average city in the United States the number of deaths for a similar number of people in that time would have been about thirty from disease. This very remarkable showing can not of course permanently obtain, but it certainly goes to prove that if good care is taken the isthmus is not a particularly unhealthy place. In October of the 19,000 negroes on the roll eighty-six died from disease, pneumonia being the most destructive disease and malarial fever coming second. The difficulty of exercising a thorough supervision over the colored laborers is of course greater than is the case among the whites and they are also less competent to take care of themselves, which accounts for the fact that their death rate is so much higher than that of the whites, in spite of the fact that they have been used to similar climatic conditions. Even among the colored employees it will be seen that the death rate is not high.

Diminution of Mosquitoes.

In Panama and Colon the death rate has also been greatly reduced, this being directly due to the vigorous work of the special brigade of employees who have been inspecting houses where the stegomyia mosquito is to be found and destroying its larvae and breeding places and doing similar work in exterminating the malarial mosquitoes—in short, in performing all kinds of hygienic labor. A little over a year ago all kinds of mosquitoes, including the two fatal species, were numerous about the Culebra cut. In this cut during last October every room of every house was carefully examined and only two mosquitoes, neither of them of the two fatal species, were found. Unfaltering energy in inspection and in disinfecting and in the work of draining and of clearing brush are responsible for the change. I append Dr. Gorgas' report on the health conditions; also a letter from Surgeon General Rixey to Dr. Gorgas. The surgeon general reported to me that the hygienic conditions on the isthmus were about as good as, for instance, those in the Norfolk navyyard.

The sanitation work in the cities of Panama and Colon has been just as important as in the zone itself and in many respects much more difficult; because it was necessary to deal with the already existing population, which naturally had scant sympathy with revolutionary changes, the value of which they were for a long time not able to perceive. Yet astonishing progress has been made in both cities. In Panama 90 per cent of the streets that are to be paved at all are already paved with an excellent brick pavement laid in heavy concrete, a few of the streets being still in process of paving. The sewer and water services in the city are of the most modern hygienic type, some of the service having just been completed.

Colon Water Supply.

It was not practicable, with the force at the commission's disposal and in view of the need that the force should be used in the larger town of Panama, to begin this work before early last winter. Water mains were then laid in the town and water was furnished to the people early in March from a temporary reservoir. This reservoir proved to be of insufficient capacity before the end of the dry

season and the shortage was made up by hauling water over the Panama railroad, so that there was at all times an ample supply of the very best water. Since that time the new reservoir back of Mount Hope has been practically completed. I visited this reservoir. It is a lake over a mile long and half a mile broad. It now carries some 500,000,000 gallons of first class water. I forward herewith a photograph of this lake, together with certain other photographs of what I saw while I was on the isthmus. Nothing but a cataclysm will hereafter render it necessary in the dry season to haul water for the use of Colon and Cristobal.

One of the most amusing (as well as dishonest) attacks made upon the commission was in connection with this reservoir. The writer in question usually confined himself to vague general mendacity; but in this case he specifically stated that there was no water in the vicinity fit for a reservoir (I drank it and it was excellent) and that this particular reservoir would never hold water anyway.

Unjust Criticism.

Care and forethought have been exercised by the commission and nothing has reflected more credit upon them than their refusal either to go ahead too fast or to be deterred by the fear of criticism from not going ahead fast enough. It is curious to note the fact that many of the most severe critics of the commission criticize them for precisely opposite reasons, some complaining bitterly that the work is not in a more advanced condition, while the others complain that it has been rushed with such haste that there has been insufficient preparation for the hygiene and comfort of the employees. As a matter of fact neither criticism is just. It would have been impossible to go quicker than the commission has gone, for such quickness would have meant insufficient preparation. On the other hand, to refuse to do anything until every possible future contingency had been met would have caused wholly unwarranted delay. The right course to follow was exactly the course which has been followed. Every reasonable preparation was made in advance, the hygienic conditions in especial being made as nearly perfect as possible; while on the other hand there has been no timid refusal to push forward the work because of inability to anticipate every possible emergency, for, of course, many defects can only be shown by the working of the system in actual practice.

Care of Employees.

Next in importance to the problem of sanitation, and indeed now of equal importance, is the problem of securing and caring for the mechanics, laborers and other employees who actually do the work on the canal and the railroad. This great task has been under the control of Mr. Jackson Smith and on the whole has been well done. At present there are some 6,000 white employees and some 19,000 colored employees on the isthmus. I went over the different places where the different kinds of employees were working; I think I saw representatives of every type both at their work and in their homes; and I conversed with probably a couple of hundred of them all told, choosing them at random from every class and including those who came especially to present certain grievances. I found that those who did not come specifically to present grievances almost invariably expressed far greater content and satisfaction with the conditions than did those who called to make complaint.

Nearly 5,000 of the white employees had come from the United States. No man can see these young, vigorous men energetically doing their duty without a thrill of pride in them as Americans. They represent on the average a high class. Doubtless to congress the wages paid them will seem high, but as a matter of fact the only general complaint which I found had any real basis among the complaints made to me upon the isthmus was that, owing to the peculiar surroundings, the cost of living and the distance from home, the wages were really not as high as they should be. In fact, almost every man I spoke to felt that he ought to be receiving more money—a view, however, which the average man who stays at home in the United States probably likewise holds as regards himself. I append figures of the wages paid, so that the congress can judge the matter for itself. Later I shall confer on the subject with certain representative labor men here in the United States, as well as going over with Mr. Stevens the comparative wages paid on the zone and at home; and I may then communicate my findings to the canal committees of the two houses.

The white Americans are employed, some of them in office work, but the majority in handling the great steam shovels, as engineers and conductors on the dirt trains, as machinists in the great repair shops, as carpenters and timekeepers, superintendents and foremen of divisions and of gangs and so on and so on. Many of them have brought down their wives and families; and the children when not in school are running about and behaving precisely as the American small boy and girl behave at home. The bachelors among the employees live, sometimes in small separate houses, sometimes in large houses; quarters being furnished free to all the men, married and unmarried.

The housewives purchase their supplies directly, or through their husbands, from the commissary stores of the commission. All to whom I spoke agreed that the supplies were excellent, and all but two stated that there was no complaint to be made; these two complained that the prices were excessive as compared to the prices in the States. On investigation I did not feel that this complaint was well founded. The married men ate at

home. The unmarried men sometimes ate at private boardinghouses, or private messes, but more often, jiding by the answers of those whom I questioned, at the government canteens or hotels where the meal costs 30 cents to each employee. This 30-cent meal struck me as being as good a meal as we get in the United States at the ordinary hotel in which a 50-cent meal is provided.

Chinese and Other Labor.

Of the 19,000 or 20,000 day laborers employed on the canal a few hundred are Spaniards. These do excellent work. Their foremen told me that they did twice as well as the West Indian laborers. They keep healthy and no difficulty is experienced with them in any way. Some Italian laborers are also employed in connection with the drilling. As might be expected, with labor as high priced as at present in the United States, it has not so far proved practicable to get any ordinary laborers from the United States. The American wage-workers on the isthmus are the highly paid skilled mechanics of the types mentioned previously. A steady effort is being made to secure Italians, and especially to procure more Spaniards, because of the very satisfactory results that have come from their employment; and their numbers will be increased as far as possible. It has not proved possible, however, to get them in anything like the numbers needed for the work, and from present appearances we shall in the main have to rely, for the ordinary unskilled work, partly upon the colored laborers from the West Indies, partly upon Chinese labor. It certainly ought to be unnecessary to point out that the American workmen in the United States has no concern whatever in the question as to whether the rough work on the isthmus, which is performed by aliens in any event, is done by aliens from one country with a black skin or by aliens from another country with a yellow skin. Our business is to dig the canal as efficiently and as quickly as possible; provided always that nothing is done that is inhumane to any laborers, and nothing that interferes with the wages or lowers the standard of living of our own workmen. Having in view this principle, I have arranged to try several thousand Chinese laborers. This is desirable both because we must try to find out what laborers are most efficient, and, furthermore, because we should not leave ourselves at the mercy of any one type of foreign labor. At present the great bulk of the unskilled labor on the isthmus is done by West Indian negroes, chiefly from Jamaica, Barbados and the other English possessions. One of the governors of the lands in question has shown an unfriendly disposition to our work and has thrown obstacles in the way of our getting the labor needed; and it is highly undesirable to give any outsiders the impression, however ill founded, that they are indispensable and can dictate terms to us.

The West India laborers are fairly, but only fairly, satisfactory. Some of the men do very well indeed; the better class, who are to be found as foremen, as skilled mechanics, as policemen, are good men; and many of the ordinary day laborers are also good. But thousands of those who are brought over under contract (at our expense) go off into the jungle to live, or loaf around Colon, or work so badly after the first three or four days as to cause a serious diminution of the amount of labor performed on Friday and Saturday of each week.

The negroes generally do their own cooking in sheds provided by the government, but I believe that ultimately the government itself must feed them.

Work of Construction.

I have now dealt with the hygienic conditions which make it possible to employ a great force of laborers, and with the task of gathering, housing and feeding these laborers. There remains to consider the actual work which has to be done; the work because of which these laborers are gathered together—the work of constructing the canal. This is under the direct control of the chief engineer, Mr. Stevens, who has already shown admirable results, and whom we can safely trust to achieve similar results in the future.

The work is now going on with a vigor and efficiency pleasant to witness. The three big problems of the canal are the La Boca dams, the Gatun dam and the Culebra cut. The Culebra cut must be made, anyhow; but of course changes as to the dams, or at least to the locks adjacent to the dams, may still occur. The La Boca dams offer no problem, the bottom material being so good that there is a practical certainty, not merely as to what can be achieved, but as to the time of achievement. The Gatun dam offers the most serious problem that we have to solve; and yet the ablest men on the isthmus believe that this problem is certain of solution along the lines proposed; although, of course, it necessitates great toil, energy and intelligence, and although equally, of course, there will be some little risk in connection with the work. The risk arises from the fact that some of the material near the bottom is not so good as could be desired. If the huge earth dam now contemplated is thrown across from one foothill to the other we will have what is practically a low, broad, mountain ridge behind which will rise the inland lake. This artificial mountain will probably show less seepage, that is, will have greater restraining capacity than the average natural mountain range. The exact locality of the locks at this dam—as at the other dams—is now being determined. In April next Secretary Taft, with three of the ablest engineers of the country—Messrs. Noble, Stearns and Ripley—will visit the isthmus, and the three engineers will make the final and conclusive examinations as to the

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Weather

Forecast—Fair tonight and Tuesday colder southeast portion tonight warmer Tuesday.

If the bill as introduced by Congressman Buckman becomes a law and \$70,000 is appropriated for a public building by congress it means that Brainerd will have one of the handsomest structures in the northwest.

The fact that a cow has been caught in the act of eating tobacco leaves in Connecticut leads an exchange to remark that the suspicion heretofore held that Connecticut tobacco and cabbage are one and the same plant is confirmed.

A CAREFUL perusal of the advertising columns of THE DISPATCH will be of valuable assistance to the Christmas shopper. People who have bargains to offer are not slow in letting the public know it through the medium that reaches the masses daily.

It is expected that an effort will be made at the coming session of the legislature to increase the salaries of district judges from \$3,900 to \$5,000 per year. The opinion prevails that the present salary of the judges is insufficient for the labor performed and the expense incurred, which is undoubtedly true.

The Walker Pilot is skeptical in regard to political forecasts made by Duluth people or papers. All Duluth seems to think that Hugo has a cinch on the speakership, but then everything looked like Cole in that city after the state convention, and the Pilot does not think it safe to bet on Duluth predictions.

The Princeton Union has been treated to a new head, not that the old one was swelled or anything like that, but the publisher thought that it had outlived its usefulness. Those who have become accustomed to the appearance of the paper for the past decade or two will question the judgment of the change and it will take some time to get accustomed to the new appearance. But it's Bob Dunn's head anyway, and if he wants to change it he can.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Dr. Holman, of Pine River, was in the city today.

Get your storm sash at D. M. Clark & Co's. 134tf

W. B. Jones was in the city from Sylvan today.

Fine port wine for sale by Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

Mr. E. E. Smiley, of Nary, was in the city over Sunday.

Tom and Jerry at the Council saloon tonight. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. James, of Merrifield, are in the city today.

Sweet catwaba at Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

Editor George Silk, of Pine River, was in the city yesterday.

W. R. Wilcutts, of Duluth, is in the city today on business.

C. J. Chycklan, J. C. Burchett and Fred Bryant, of Jenkins, are in the city today on business.

T. M. Finley, of Hackensack, was in the city today on business.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's 165tf

Mike Roach, of State Line Park, is in the city today on business.

Books for boys and girls at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Joe Raymond was down from Deerwood between trains today.

Fine peach brandy for sale by Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

Sheriff Riddle, of Cass county, was in the city today on his way north.

Invalid chairs for rent at D. M. Clark & Co. 261tf

A. D. Wilson, of Stillwater, is in the city today transacting business.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

Geo. F. Foster, the Little Falls insurance man, was in the city today.

Children's books and games at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

Frank W. Merritt came in from the south today and went to Deerwood.

25 misit carpets for sale at D. M. Clark & Co. 261tf

Wm. Elmore and little daughter came down from Deerwood on the noon train today.

Fine Holly for Christmas use at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

Ami C. Gould came down on business today and will remain in the city several days.

A great variety of Juvenile books and games at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

The Christian Scientists have rented Coates's hall and will hereafter hold their services in that place.

Sachet powder and toilet waters at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Geo. Wilmut, Ben Brooks and Philip Provo, witnesses in the Buchit case, came in from Cross Lake today.

New fall line rugs, carpets and wall paper at D. M. Clark & Co. 261tf

Robert M. Stitt, R. E. Goodman, R. R. Briggs and H. B. Fryberger, of Duluth came down last night on business.

Perfumes and atomizers at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Miss L. M. Anderson left today for her home in Minneapolis after a visit with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Cunningham.

California Brandy always kept in stock by Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

Miss Gertrude Smith, daughter of Landlord James Smith, who was threatened with typhoid fever, is much better today.

Handsome comb and brush sets for Xmas gifts at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Charles and Elmer Biersborn, of Liscum, Iowa, left for their homes today after a visit with their sister, Mrs. H. H. Hitch.

Get your masques for the Court of Honor dance at King's. 196t5

E. T. Carroll, of Wadena, spent Sunday in the city visiting his daughter, Miss Jeanette Carroll, who is at St. Joseph's hospital.

Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tf

Mrs. Bertha Pust, mother of Mrs. Carl E. Haacke, was buried Saturday, after services at the German Evangelical church.

Svenska punch can always be gotten at Coates Liquor Co. 164t12

Carl E. Carlson and John Engman were down from Deerwood today as witnesses in the case of Annie Elmore vs. Wm. Elmore.

Do not fail to see the line of new books at H. P. Dunn & Co. 156tf

Albert Pust, of LaCrosse, Wis., who was called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. Bertha Pust, returned to his home today.

Sawed wood for sale at Haye's livery, pine, oak and tamarack. 166tf

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bush and son Charles went to Motley yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Bush remained over to assist in caring for his mother.

D. M. Clark & Co., only installment house in city, goods sold on easy terms 261tf

W. A. Curo and wife were down from Pine River in attendance at the district court as witnesses in the case of Jennie M. Boyer vs. Noah Ritchie.

A package of perfume is a suitable gift for a lady, a beautiful line at H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

Carl B. Anderson, the 10 year old son C. B. Anderson, living two miles west of the city, died yesterday of scarlet fever, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery this afternoon.

Guns, ammunition and sporting goods See the new Remington automatic guns at D. M. Clark & Cos. 72t

The finance committee in the matter of the revival meetings to be held the first of the year will meet at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. All members are requested to be present.

Don't wait till that cough of yours settles on your lungs and may turn into pneumonia or consumption. Take Skauge's Never Cough which clears the lungs, opens up the air passages and instantly relieves the cold in your head. A few doses will prove it. Fully guaranteed by Olaf Skauge, the Laurel street druggist. 158tf

Come to us and we will help you to solve your Xmas gifts problems in our up-to-date stock. H. P. Dunn & Co. 163tf

The exhibition of fancy billard playing at the Ransford parlors Saturday evening was greeted by a fair sized crowd. The players were in fine form.

In the first game of 200 Spears won, with a high run of 104. Ferris made 155 points. In the second game, 18 inch balk line, Ferris won, with a high score of 95. After the games the gentlemen gave some examples of fancy shooting that were enjoyed by all present.

Combine good housekeeping with good citizenship, use Hunt's Perfect Baking Powder—not made by a trust.

Cosmetics will ruin the complexion. There's no beauty practice equal to the effects of Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It keeps the entire body in perfect health. Tea or tablets, 35 cents. H. P. Dunn & Co.

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OFFICER KILLS A BURGLAR.

Companion of the Bandit Submits to Arrest Without Resistance.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—During a desperate battle with burglars at night in the notion store of Mrs. Mary Neenon at New Kensington, Pa., thirty miles east of this city, Officer James J. Lemon shot and fatally wounded Elmer Kuhn and captured Albert Romig, a young man well known in New Kensington. Early in the evening Romig sent word to the police and Mrs. Neenon that an attempt would be made to burglarize the store. Officer Lemon was detailed on the case and secreting himself in the store waited an hour before Kuhn and Romig, both masked, rushed into the store. Romig pointed a revolver at Mrs. Neenon, while Kuhn held up the young lady clerk. Officer Lemon, who was hidden back of a counter, came forth and commanded both men to surrender. Kuhn rushed at the officer to strike him, when the latter fired three times, every bullet entering Kuhn's body. Romig did not resist arrest. Romig claims he notified the police because Kuhn threatened to kill him unless he assisted in the robbery.

BIG STRIP OF PAVEMENT SINKS.

Many Big Buildings in Wall Street Will Suffer.

New York, Dec. 17.—A strip of pavement twenty feet in width and extending seventy-five feet in Wall street caved in at night, sinking from three to eleven feet below the surface. The depression was due to the breaking of a watermain by which steam, gas and water pipes were undermined. Some alarm was felt lest tall buildings near by might have been affected. Many of the great buildings in Wall street will suffer when gas, electricity and water will be shut off.

LAKE STEAMER ASHORE.

Unknown Vessel Stranded on a Reef Near Garden Island.

Charlevoix, Mich., Dec. 17.—A large steel steamer is stranded on a reef north of Garden Island, but owing to the gale the name could not be ascertained. The report of the wreck was from Deaver Island. It is believed to be one of the fleet which is bringing coal on its last trip from Lake Erie. The steamer lies in an exposed position and may suffer serious injuries from the storm.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Rochester, Ind., Dec. 17.—Thomas Gast of this city is dead and James Thrush lies seriously injured as the result of a boiler explosion at the electric light plant of the town of Akron, Ind., ten miles east of here.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup, the new Laxative, stimulates, but does not stimulate. It is the best laxative. Guaranteed or your money back. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

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LITTLE DOING IN COURT

Comparatively Little Accomplished in District Court Saturday Afternoon

The case of Hanyes et al vs. Elder was dismissed on motion of defendant after plaintiff rested. A stay of sixty days was granted.

Wm. Peterson came into court and plead guilty to stealing the overcoat of Gilbert Leffler from the National hotel. He has not been sentenced yet.

The court today is trying the case of Swan Isaacson, vs. Carl E. Carlson. This is a family matter. Carlson, who is a relative of Isaacson, sent to the old country for the latter promising him a home and an easy time. According to Isaacson's story they wanted to make a hired man of him and he stood it for some time and then left and has brought suit for wages for the time he worked there.

The witnesses for the criminal cases were summoned for today but the cases will not be taken up until the latter part of the week.

Cale's Department Store.

Useful Christmas Gifts

Prices Right :

Men's Handkerchiefs.

50 dozen 35c quality men's genuine Irish Lined initial handkerchiefs. At this price we offer them, they are the best values ever sold in Brainerd. Per half dozen..... **\$1.50**

Men Take Notice

Women's fine pure wool Hosiery, the ladies like them, per pair..... **50c**

Mounted Combs

A splendid showing of brilliant mounts, on shell and amber, back and side combs, sets or single combs. The Cale store has the line **15c to \$1.50**

Women's Handk'fs

French hand embroidered sheer linen handkerchiefs. Our showing this year is the largest and best we have made and you should see them before buying.

35c value each.....25c
50c value each..... 35c
60c value each..... 40c

Purses and Hand Bags

A large and select assortment of the most desirable styles in Purses and Bags—each 25c to..... **\$3**

Men's Neck Wear

Every man is always pleased to get a nice Neck-tie at Yuletide.

Store open tonight and every night 'till after Christmas.

You can afford to lay aside some of those old pictures you have had for years and decorate your homes with some of the beautiful new subjects and new style frames when you learn our prices at

Losey & Deans

Hand Painted Postals, Carbons, Water Colors, and Fac Similes in the new style frames. The following subjects we will sell at *Just what they cost us:*
The Miners Hut, an Alaska scene, Crossing the Desert, Vesper Bells, The Lone Arab, The Cobbler, Young Motherhood. These are all works of art and splendid values, but don't wish to carry them over.

WHITE BROS.

Hunting season is over, next thing is

XMAS

and while you are looking for Presents, Don't forget that we have a fine line from which to choose.

616 Laurel Street.

Place your want ads, for rent and for sale, etc in the

DISPATCH

E. S. HOUGHTON, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

BEST AND LARGEST STOCK IN THE CITY.

Cut Glass

—There is nothing better than a piece of Cut Glass for a holiday present. We have the finest line in the city.

Sterling Silver

—You can get all the latest novelties here at lower prices than others charge.

Ebony Goods

—As complete a line as can be found in large cities. We have all the late novelties.

Hand Engraving

—We make a specialty of hand engraving of monograms, etc., on all goods sold, when desired.

Silver Hollow Ware

—We have an up-to date line of these goods, all in the noblest designs, just received.

Fine Umbrellas

—Sterling Silver and gold filled handles of the new patterns. Every one wants one for Christmas.

Hand Painted China

—We have a stock of these goods that cannot be equalled for beauty of design or elegance of finish.

Watches

—We have the largest and best stock ever shown here. Solid and filled cases. Prices and Quality guaranteed.

Jewelry

—You should see our new stock. Never before was anything as fine seen in Brainerd. Rings, chains, bracelets, etc. etc.

An Elegant Line of Diamonds for the Holiday Trade.

E. S. HOUGHTON, Jeweler,

Bank Block, 6th Street.

ELKS' CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT

Elks will Give Their Annual Charity Entertainment at the Bijou Sunday

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Entertainment will be Suitable For Sabbath and Proceeds Go to Worthy Poor

The Elks will hold their annual charity entertainment next Sunday afternoon and evening. Manager Low of the Bijou has kindly tendered the use of his theatre and special films will be put on suitable for a Sunday performance. There will also be a musical program by the best local talent. The entertainment will be in charge of the following committee of Elks: Judge J. T. Sanborn, Mayor A. J. Halsted, F. E. Low, Fred S. Parker and N. H. Ingersoll. Committees will also be appointed to canvass each ward for the sale of tickets which will be placed at the regular price of ten cents. There will be three performances given in the afternoon and three in the evening. The tickets will state which performance they are for and only the capacity of the house will be sold for each performance. The program will be published in THE DAILY DISPATCH as soon as completed, also the names of soliciting committee when appointed.

Public Speaker Interrupted.
Public speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This would not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures coughs and colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption. The genuine contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

Notice.
All members of the Royal Arcanum are requested to be present tomorrow night at I. O. O. F. hall. Election of officers.
C. W. MAHLUM, Sec.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Minneapolis Wheat.
Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Dec., 77½¢; May, 79½¢; July, 80½¢. On track—No. 1 hard, 80½¢; No. 1 Northern, 79½¢; No. 2 Northern, 77½¢; No. 3 spring, 74½¢@75½¢.

Duluth Wheat and Flax.
Duluth, Dec. 15.—Wheat—To arrive and on track—No. 1 hard, 80½¢; No. 1 Northern, 79½¢; No. 2 Northern, 78½¢; Dec., 78½¢; May, 80½¢@81½¢; July, 81¢. Flax—To arrive, on track and in store, \$1.21; Dec., \$1.20½; Jan., \$1.21; May, \$1.24.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.
St. Paul, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Good to choice steers, \$5.50@6.25; common to good, \$3.25@4.00; good to choice cows and heifers, \$3.50@4.50; veals, \$4.00@4.50. Hogs—5.80@5.95. Sheep—Wethers, \$4.50@5.25; good to prime spring lambs, \$6.50@7.25.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Dec., 73½¢; May, 78½¢@79½¢. Corn—Dec., 41¢; May, 43½¢@44½¢. Oats—Dec., 34¢; May, 35¢@36¢. Pork—Jan., \$15.92½; May, \$16.27½. Butter—Creameries, 22@23¢; dairies, 20@21¢. Eggs—20@22¢. Poultry—Turkeys, 12¢; chickens, 9¢; springs, 8½¢.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Beaves, \$4.10@7.30; cows and heifers, \$1.55@5.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.40@4.50; Texans, \$3.75@4.60; Westerns, \$3.50@5.75; calves, \$6.00@8.75. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5.95@6.25; good heavy, \$6.15@6.27½; rough heavy, \$5.75@5.95; light, \$5.85@6.20; pigs, \$5.40@6.15. Sheep, \$3.75@5.70; lambs, \$4.60@7.90.

Everybody Join the Crowd to the Great Cash Sale at Soloski & Levant's Store, 215 So. 6th Street

Our opening day of the great Cash Sale Saturday was a great success—Thousands of people visited our store on Saturday and every one admitted that our Cash Sale is one of the greatest bargain giving events ever offered in the city before. Our stock is in just as good order now as ever and thousands of bargains await you today and all this week. Don't delay—come at once—this is the time to buy. We must reduce our stock and have got to have cash—prices cut no figure—help yourself to our entire stock. Watch for prices in tomorrow night's paper. 166tl SOLOSKI & LEVANT.

Danger in Asking Advice.
When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

CLAIMS THE THRONE OF CHINA.

Wife of an Englishman Would Out the Dowager Empress.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17.—A Victoria woman, a Manchu banner woman, married to an Englishman, who was an officer of Gordon's army, which suppressed the Taiping rebellion, has made claim to the throne of China. The woman, unwilling to make public her name lest relatives be assassinated at Peking, has addressed petitions to the British government, asking that her claim be taken up with China. She claims to be a direct lineal descendant of the third Duke of Chou and as such asserts she has a right to the throne of China prior to that of the empress dowager. With her husband and family she has been living here for twenty-one years, since they came from Peking, where a younger brother who, she says, is next in line to herself to China's throne, is now residing.

No home safe without Dr. Adler's Treatment. A bottle in the house keeps the whole family regular and prevents appendicitis. Johnson's Pharmacy.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

King Haakon, Queen Maud and Crown Prince Olaf have left Berlin for Copenhagen.

Amos A. L. Smith, one of the best known lawyers in Wisconsin, is dead at Milwaukee.

Captain Z. L. Tanner, U. S. N., retired, is dead at Washington of heart failure after an illness of four days.

George W. Walker, an old time actor, at one time well known in this country and England, is dead in New York city.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Washington has adopted resolutions denouncing France for the action taken in the controversy with the Vatican.

The heaviest snow storm of the winter is general over Southwestern Missouri, Southeastern Kansas and parts of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

If I were Santa Claus I would know exactly what to give every boy and girl. I would give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It's the greatest medicine in the world; a never-ceasing wonder. 35 cents. H. P. Dunn & Co.

The New Metal, Alzen.

Alzen is the name given to a new metal, which is composed of two parts of aluminium and one part of zinc. writes Consul General Guenther from Frankfort. It is said to equal cast iron in strength, but is much more elastic. Alzen is superior because it does not rust as easily as does iron, and it takes a high polish, says the Jewelers' Circular Weekly. Besides being very strong, this new metal is capable of filling out the most delicate lines and figures of forms in casting.

AMUSEMENTS

The Theatre

The play "A Noble Outcast" which will be brought out by local talent at the Brainerd opera house next Friday evening is one of those heart interest plays which never grows old and will ever be popular, and what gives it an added interest at this time, is the fact that it is to be enacted by popular young people of the city who are known to all theatre goers. Mr. Wm. E. Fox, the genial manager of the opera house, will take the leading part, and will be ably supported by members of the dramatic club who have appeared before Brainerd audiences at other times in plays which won for them the approval of Brainerd critics. Mr. Fox was at one time member of a company which made a tour of the country with this play and in which they were very successful, consequently the success of the coming production of "A Noble Outcast" in which he will appear is sure to be properly staged and rendered. He is an actor of ability, and last week received a very flattering offer to join the "Ole Olsson" company in which Mr. Ben Hendricks is now starring. The object of the entertainment to be given by the club this week should commend itself to all patriotic citizens, as the proceeds will go to the local G. A. R. post to enable that body to pay a debt incurred for hall rent. The dramatic club has kindly donated their services for this worthy object, and a liberal attendance of our citizens at the performance will place the veterans in position to retain their organization which it has been feared they would be obliged to surrender.

The Bell coffee are as pleasing to the taste as the tone of the old Liberty bell was to the heroes of 1776. At all grocers, 20c. 156tl

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following are the marriage licenses granted by the clerk of court for the week ending Dec. 15:

December 10—Erick Graff and Audrig Falstrom.

December 11—Charles F. Anderson and Hanna Vidin.

December 15—Archie A. Root and Florence M. Newell.

America Lodge, No. 46, D. of H., will give a dance at Elk's hall Tuesday evening, December 18. Everybody welcome. 164tl

\$70,000 FOR BRAINERD

Congressman Buckman Introduces Bill for Public Building in This City—

Prompt Action

Washington, Dec. 14.—A bill was introduced by Representative Buckman today appropriating \$70,000 for the construction of a public building at Brainerd, Minn.

Ground bone to make the hens lay at E. C. Bane's. 165tl

Fraternal Society News

Items of Interest Regarding Brainerd's Secret Orders.

C. M. B. A.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association elected the following officers Sunday.

Spiritual Advisor—Rev. J. J. O'Mahoney.

Pres.—Wm. Meekins.

1st V. P.—James Smith.

2d V. P.—J. W. Cook.

Rec. Sec.—D. M. Clark.

Asst. Rec. Sec.—H. Thievot.

P. S.—T. M. Reilly.

Treas.—J. T. Imgrund.

Marshal—J. McCarthy.

Guard—John Herman Cook.

Trustees—James Smith, J. W. Koop, Fred Howe.

The Royal Arch Masons initiated a team Saturday evening, following the work with a banquet. A most enjoyable time was enjoyed, the ladies of the members of the order being entertained in the north hall during the initiation ceremonies. The banquet was served in the hall on the fourth floor.

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NO DON'TS FOR POOR MEN.

Free Club in New Orleans to Have No Rules and Regulations.

A free club for poor men, where the doors will be without lock or key and the walls bare of "Don't" signs, will be established in New Orleans by N. O. Nelson, philanthropist and millionaire manufacturer of St. Louis, says the Chicago Record-Herald. Mr. Nelson has been in New Orleans superintending the inauguration of the scheme.

Rules and regulations will not be known in the club. Everybody who enters will feel that he is in a "neighborhood" home.

"Decent living and decent thinking," said Mr. Nelson, "will be the only two requirements. The club will be open every hour of the day and night."

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TOLSTOI'S ATTACK ON SHAKESPEARE

Russian Novelist Calls His Works Trivial and Degrading.

"UNWORTHY OF SERIOUS STUDY"

Wants All Thinking People to Reject Writings of English Author—Says He Lacks Absolutely in Individuality of Language and Artistic Ability—Why George Bernard Shaw Supports Tolstoi's Contentions.

Count Leo Tolstoi declares with profound conviction that Shakespeare has hypnotized the reading public since Goethe toward the end of the eighteenth century pronounced him the master poet. The Russian novelist now calls upon all thinking people to reject "the trivial and immoral works of Shakespeare" as unworthy of serious study and reflection.

While a storm of dissent to Tolstoi's clearly defined opinion has already arisen in Great Britain, France, Germany and the United States, G. Bernard Shaw, the English playwright, has advanced to the front in support of Tolstoi's contentions. Both Tolstoi's criticism and Shaw's commendatory letter supporting Tolstoi were recently published in book form by Funk & Wagnalls, with an article by Ernest Crosby on "Shakespeare's Attitude Toward the Working Classes." Crosby in his essay joins forces with the Russian and the Englishman to add an American flavor to the triple condemnation of the most widely admired and majestic figure in all literature.

The vehemence of Tolstoi's bludgeoning of Shakespeare at the advanced age of seventy-five years recalls the fact that the last celebrated man of letters who thus attacked the greatest of all dramatic poets was Voltaire, whose extravagant admiration for Shakespeare turned into bitterness in his old age. But while Voltaire accepted Shakespeare's artistic merit and attacked his philosophic discrepancies, the Russian moralist denies to Shakespeare not only artistic appreciation, but sincerity and total lack of true religious consciousness as well.

Tolstoi in his article expresses his disgust and astonishment over his many fruitless efforts to convince men like Turgenieff, Fet, the celebrated Russian poet, and other personal friends that the works of Shakespeare are filled with ethical and aesthetic distortions. Tolstoi then goes on naively to explain the phenomenon of the worship of Shakespeare by his world-wide admirers. To a certain degree he cites the Dreyfus case as having been possessed with the same qualities of publicity that created the wide reading of Shakespeare.

"But there is but one explanation of this wonderful fame. It is one of those epidemic 'suggestions' to which men constantly have been and are subject. Such 'suggestion' always existed and does exist in the most varied spheres of life. As glaring examples, considerable in scope and deceitful in influence, one may cite the mediaeval crusades, which afflicted not only adults, but even children; also the individual 'suggestions,' startling in their senselessness, such as faith in witches, in the utility of torture for the discovery of truth, the search for the elixir of life, the philosopher's stone or the passion for tulips valued at several thousand guildens a bulb which took hold of Holland."

The Russian especially resents Shakespeare's handling of the working classes. He mocks at the fact that there must be a king or lordling even on a small island in all of Shakespeare's works. He insists that Shakespeare's viewpoint of life is of the lowest in that it regards the external elevation of the lords of the world as a genuine distinction and that he despises the crowd. He then insists that the dramatist neither grasps the natural character of the positions of his personages nor the language of the persons represented without which no work can be artistic.

Tolstoi's well known sociological beliefs find expression in the manner in which he attacks Shakespeare for his failure to appreciate the worth of the common people. This phase of his attack explains the whole, as it was Ernest Crosby's essay on Shakespeare's antagonistic attitude to the lower classes that caused Tolstoi to write his own condemnation of Shakespeare from practically every viewpoint.

"All Shakespeare's characters also talk alike," Tolstoi adds. "He lacks absolutely in individuality of language. All his characters speak not their own, but always one and the same Shakespearean, pretentious and unnatural language, in which not only they could not speak, but in which no living man ever has spoken or does speak."

As Shakespeare has spoiled the characters of King Lear and his daughter, Cordelia, so has he those of Othello, Desdemona, Iago, Hamlet and even roasting, ribald, swaggering old Jack Falstaff. If the Russian critic is to be believed, True, he admits that Falstaff is indeed quite a natural and typical character; but, then, perhaps it is the only natural and typical character depicted by Shakespeare.

Tolstoi does not admire, does not even like, Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The "Melancholy Dane," to the Russian's way of thinking, is a literary failure. Tolstoi grudgingly admits that Shakespeare's scenes in the hands of good actors are constructed to evoke sympathy, but qualifies the remark by adding that these tricks of the playwright are not expressions of character.

Even as Tolstoi apotheosizes Homer

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for the beauty and majesty of his poetry, he derides Shakespeare for his exaggerations and total lack of artistic ability. "Homer does not exaggerate," he says, "but with Shakespeare, from his first words, exaggeration is seen—the exaggeration of events, the exaggeration of emotion and the exaggeration of effects. One sees at once that he does not believe in what he says."

In the letter of G. Bernard Shaw, following the article on "Tolstoi on Shakespeare" in the Funk & Wagnalls edition recently published, the arid British playwright says in part:

"May I suggest that you should be careful not to imply that Tolstoi's great Shakespearean heresy has no other support than mine. Some of the prefaces of Dr. Johnson contain a good deal of downright, hard hitting criticism. Among the nineteenth century poets Byron and William Morris saw that Shakespeare was enormously over-rated intellectually. A French book has appeared within the last ten years giving Napoleon's opinions of the drama. His insistence on the superiority of Corneille to Shakespeare on the ground that Corneille had greater power of grasping a political situation and of seeing men in their relations to the state is interesting."

"I for one shall value Tolstoi's criticism all the more because it is the criticism of a foreigner who cannot possibly be enchanted by the mere word music which makes Shakespeare so irresistible in England. In Tolstoi's estimation Shakespeare must stand or fall as a thinker, in which capacity I do not think he will stand for a minute's examination by so tremendously keen a critic and religious realist."

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Pronunciation.
Here is a curious couplet which illustrates in one sentence the various values of the combination "ough" and shows how strikingly inconsistent are the spelling and pronunciation of some English words. The lines may be supposed to be the words of an invalid who had a strong will and was determined to live in spite of his ailment: Though the tough cough and hiccough ploughed me through, Yet o'er life's tough my course I will pursue.

Hot and Cold.
Pete Persimmon—Yeas, Ah reckon Ah am fated to be a bachelor. Ah lubed a gal once, but she threw cold watah on mah suit. Henry Ham—Well, dat's bettah den gettin' mahbled en habin' yo' wife throw hot watah on yo' suit. Dat's what mine does ebery time I stay out after 10.—Chicago News.

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BRainerd TWENTY YEARS AGO

Dispatch Files of Twenty Years Ago this Week.

Dr. Groves has returned from his trip east.

The thermometer registered at 31 below yesterday morning.

Mrs. Mattie Kayale, of East Brainerd, was adjudged insane and taken to St. Peter Monday.

Fergus Falls gets the third insane asylum.

At a meeting of the barbers in this city Tuesday evening John Cochran was elected as a delegate to the International Barbers' union which convenes in St. Paul next Tuesday.

A very pleasant time was enjoyed at the necktie social given at Mrs. Gleason's Tuesday evening, there being upwards of seventy-five people present. The next social will be held at Mrs. Nevers' in two weeks.

The new co-operative store on Tenth street opened its doors to the public on Wednesday of this week, with S. B. McMahon as manager.

It has been announced that A. Mahlum has accepted the position of deputy auditor under Auditor-elect Tache, and will assume the duties of that office as soon as Mr. Tache is sworn in the first of the month. Mr. Mahlum is thoroughly competent to fill the position and we are very glad to hear of his good luck in securing the situation.

A. Olson, the popular tailor, has a new boy at his house.

Brainerd will have two toboggan slides in operation soon.

A. J. Sovereign goes to Michigan City tomorrow to visit friends.

Miss Hattie Cohen, of Minneapolis, is visiting relatives in this city.

Crow Wing has a new postmaster in the person of Wm. Everest, who was appointed in place of Mrs. Jessie Sibley, resigned.

It is now rumored on the streets that J. D. Barstow will be deputy sheriff under Malcolm McLaren when the latter gentleman takes his office as sheriff.

The city schools will be closed next Friday for a week's vacation. The holidays come on Saturday this year, and consequently a week's vacation takes them both in.

The toboggan club decided upon the erection of a slide and ice rink on the railroad land opposite the Sleeper block on Front street. The slide was to be double, 680 feet long, with an ice rink between. The contract was let for \$300 the slides to be finished in one week.

A lodge of the order of Royal Adelpia was instituted with J. J. Howe as past commander, H. J. Spencer as treasurer, G. T. Penno as guide, C. D. Johnson as warden, Wm. Erb as sentry, J. L. Camp as medical director, and E. O. Webb as one of the trustees.

Miss Lydia Rogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogan, aged 20 years, died at her home in East Brainerd.

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LAW IN CHINA.

They Take No Account of the Intentions of the Accused.

The incompatibility of laws based on diverse civilizations is nowhere more marked than in China, says H. B. Morse in the Atlantic. There no bankruptcy law is possible. If a debtor's own estate will not suffice to pay his debts the deficiency must be made good by his father, brothers or uncles; if a debtor absconds his immediate family are promptly imprisoned; if the debtor returns he is put in prison and kept there indefinitely, so long as he can find money for his daily food until released by payment in full or by death. This is the law.

When in 1895 Admiral Ting found himself forced to surrender Weihaiwei and his fleet, he committed suicide. By this courageous step, technically dying before surrender, he saved his immediate family—father, mother, sons and daughters—from decapitation and their property from confiscation, the

penalty when a commander surrenders an imperial fortress. This is the law.

When in the old days an English gunner caused the death of a Chinese by firing a salute from a cannon from which by oversight the ball had not been removed, he was seized, tried and executed. And in 1839, when in the course of a disturbance with English and American sailors at Canton a Chinese was killed, the authorities demanded that if the guilty person could not be detected and executed the whole party should be handed over for execution. This is the law.

Intention is never taken into account. A dollar for a dollar, an eye for an eye, a life for a life, and all for the emperor and his representatives—this is the law of China.

Severe Earthquake in Sicily.

London, Dec. 3.—A severe earthquake is reported to have occurred at Milazzo, on the north coast of Sicily. As yet no deaths have been reported

Coal Famine Relieved.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—According to the officials of the Soo railroad the coal famine that existed a week ago in the territory adjoining the Soo road in Dakota and Western Minnesota is relieved temporarily. But the railroad men say the fuel famine may recur any time because of the shortage of cars caused by the moving of the wheat crop.

Strange Mistake.

Old Mrs. Jones entered the drawing room unexpectedly and spoiled a very pretty tableau.

"I was just whispering a secret in Cousin Jennie's ear," explained Charlie.

"I'm sorry," said the old lady gravely, "that your eyesight has become so bad that you mistake Jennie's mouth for her ear."—London Tit-Bits.

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The Poet and the Beauty.

One of the finest houses in southern England is Penhurst Place, the birthplace of Sir Philip Sidney. Under the trees of its park Edmund Waller paid his addresses to the haughty Lady Dorothea, whom he celebrated as Sacharissa. But the heart of Lady Dorothea Sidney—who was the most beautiful woman of her time—was untouched by Waller's amatory verses, and she rejected the poet in favor of the Earl of Sunderland. Many years afterward the countess met Waller and, reminding him sentimentally of the old days at Penhurst, asked him when he would again write verses about her. "When, madam," said the poet rudely, "you are as young and as handsome as you were then."

Fit and Fought.

One would have thought this an Americanism, but I find it in Garrick's "Miss In Her Teens," where Tag says to Flash: "Oh pray let me see you fight! There were two gentlemen fit yesterday," etc. (act 2).—Notes and Queries.

Food Commissioner's Report.

The Minnesota Dairy and Food Commission's analysis shows that Kidney's Laxative Honey and Tar and Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar contained opiates and croton oil. Opiates are poisons and croton oil is a violent poisonous purgative. Refuse to accept any but Foley's Honey and Tar in a yellow package. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates or dangerous drugs and is the best cough and cold cure. H. P. Dunn & Co. mwfdw

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The Culebra cut does not offer such great risks; that is, the damage liable to occur from occasional landslips will not represent what may be called major disasters. The work will merely call for intelligence, perseverance and executive capacity. It is, however, the work upon which most labor will have to be spent. The dams will be composed of the earth taken out of the cut and very possibly the building of the locks and dams will take even longer than the cutting in Culebra itself.

Main Work at Culebra.

The main work is now being done in the Culebra cut. It was striking and impressive to see the huge steam shovels in full play, the dumping trains carrying away the rock and earth they dislodged. In the rainy season the steam shovels can do but little in dirt, but they work steadily in rock and in the harder ground. There were some twenty-five at work during the time I was on the isthmus and their tremendous power and efficiency were most impressive.

As soon as the type of canal was decided this work began in good earnest. The rainy season will shortly be over and then there will be an immense increase in the amount taken out; but even during the last three months, in the rainy season, steady progress is shown by the figures: In August 240,000 cubic yards, in September 291,000 cubic yards and in October 325,000 cubic yards. Passing through the cut the amount of new work can be seen at a glance. In one place the entire side of a hill had been taken out recently by twenty-seven tons of dynamite, which were exploded at one blast. On the top notch of the Culebra cut the prism is now as wide as it will be; all told, the canal bed at this point has now been sunk about 200 feet below what it originally was. It will have to be sunk about 130 feet farther. Throughout the cut the drilling, blasting, shoveling and hauling are going on with constantly increasing energy, the huge shovels being pressed up, as if they were mountain howitzers, into the most unlikely looking places, where they eat their way into the hillsides.

Critics and Doubting Thomases.

It is not only natural, but inevitable, that a work as gigantic as this which has been undertaken on the isthmus should arouse every species of hostility and criticism. The conditions are so new and so trying and the work so vast that it would be absolutely out of the question that mistakes should not be made. Checks will occur. Unforeseen difficulties will arise. From time to time seemingly well settled plans will have to be changed. At present 25,000 men are engaged on the task. After a while the number will be doubled. In such a multitude it is inevitable that there should be here and there a scoundrel. Very many of the poorer class of laborers lack the mental development to protect themselves against either the rascality of others or their own folly and it is not possible for human wisdom to devise a plan by which they can invariably be protected. In a place which has been for ages a byword for unhealthfulness and with so large a congregation of strangers suddenly put down and set to hard work there will now and then be outbreaks of disease. There will now and then be shortcomings in administration; there will be overlooked accidents to delay the excavation of the cut or the building of the dams and locks. Each such incident will be entirely natural and, even though serious, no one of them will mean more than a little extra delay or trouble. Yet each, when discovered by sensation mongers and retailed to timid folk of little faith, will serve as an excuse for the belief that the whole work is being badly managed. Experiments will continually be tried in housing, hygiene, in street repaving, in dredging and in digging earth and rock. Now and then an experiment will be a failure; and among those who hear of it a certain proportion of doubting Thomases will at once believe that the whole work is a failure. Doubtless here and there some minor rascality will be uncovered; but as to this I have to say that after the most painstaking inquiry I have been unable to find a single reputable person who had so much as heard of any serious accusations affecting the honesty of the commission or of any responsible officer under it. I append a letter dealing with the most serious charge, that of the ownership of lots in Colon; the charge was not advanced by a reputable man and is utterly baseless. It is not too much to say that the whole atmosphere of the commission breathes honesty as it breathes efficiency and energy. Above all the work has been kept absolutely clear of politics. I have never heard even a suggestion of spoils politics in connection with it.

I have investigated every complaint brought to me for which there seemed to be any shadow of foundation. In two or three cases I came to the conclusion that there was foundation for the complaint and that the methods of the commission in the respect complained of could be bettered. In the other instances the complaints proved absolutely baseless, save in two or three instances, where they referred to mistakes which the commission had already itself found out and corrected.

Slanderers and Libelers.

So much for honest criticism. There remains an immense amount of reckless slander as has ever been published. Where the slanderers are of foreign origin I have no concern with them. Where they are Americans I feel for them the heartiest contempt and indignation; because, in a spirit of wanton dishonesty and malice, they are trying to interfere with and ham-

per the execution of the greatest work of the kind ever attempted and are seeking to bring to naught the efforts of their countrymen to put to the credit of America one of the giant feats of the ages. The outrageous accusations of these slanderers constitute a gross libel upon a body of public servants who, for trained intelligence, expert ability, high character and devotion to duty have never been excelled anywhere. There is not a man among those directing the work on the isthmus who has obtained his position on any other basis than merit alone and not one who has used his position in any way for his own personal or pecuniary advantage.

Plan to Build by Contract.

After most careful consideration we have decided to let out most of the work by contract if we can come to satisfactory terms with the contractors. The whole work is of a kind suited to the peculiar genius of our people; and our people have developed the type of contractor best fitted to grapple with it. It is of course much better to do the work in large part by contract than to do it all by the government, provided it is possible on the one hand to secure to the contractor a sufficient remuneration to make it worth while for responsible contractors of the best kind to undertake the work; and provided on the other hand it can be done on terms which will not give an excessive profit to the contractor at the expense of the government. After much consideration the plan already promulgated by the secretary of war was adopted. This plan in its essential features was drafted, after careful and thorough study and consideration, by the chief engineer, Mr. Stevens, who, while in the employment of Mr. Hill, the president of the Great Northern railroad, had personal experience of this very type of contract. Mr. Stevens then submitted the plan to the chairman of the commission, Mr. Shonts, who went carefully over it with Mr. Rogers, the legal adviser of the commission, to see that all legal difficulties were met. He then submitted copies of the plan to both Secretary Taft and myself. Secretary Taft submitted it to some of the best counsel at the New York bar and afterwards I went over it very carefully with Mr. Taft and Mr. Shonts and we laid the plan in its general features before Mr. Root. My conclusion is that it combines the maximum of advantage with the minimum of disadvantage. Under it a premium will be put upon the speedy and economical construction of the canal and a penalty imposed on delay and waste. The plan as promulgated is tentative; doubtless it will have to be changed in some respects before we can come to a satisfactory agreement with responsible contractors—perhaps even after the bids have been received; and of course it is possible that we can not come to an agreement, in which case the government will do the work itself. Meanwhile the work on the isthmus is progressing steadily and without any let up.

A Single Commissioner Desired.

A seven headed commission is of course a clumsy executive instrument. We should have but one commissioner, with such heads of departments and other officers under him as we may find necessary. We should be expressly permitted to employ the best engineers in the country as consulting engineers.

I accompany this paper with a map showing substantially what the canal will be like when it is finished. When the Culebra cut has been made and the dams built (if they are built as at present proposed) there will then be at both the Pacific and Atlantic ends of the canal two great fresh water lakes, connected by a broad channel running at the bottom of a ravine, across the backbone of the Western Hemisphere. Those best informed believe that the work will be completed in about eight years; but it is never safe to prophesy about such a work as this, especially in the tropics.

Confident of Ultimate Success.

Of the success of the enterprise I am as well convinced as one can be of any enterprise that is human. It is a stupendous work upon which our fellow countrymen are engaged down there on the isthmus and while we should hold them to a strict accountability for the way in which they perform it we should yet recognize, with frank generosity, the epic nature of the task on which they are engaged and its world wide importance. They are doing something which will redound immeasurably to the credit of America, which will benefit all the world and which will last for ages to come. Under Mr. Shonts and Mr. Stevens and Dr. Gorgas this work has started with every omen of good fortune. They and their worthy associates, from the highest to the lowest, are entitled to the same credit that we would give to the picked men of a victorious army; for this conquest of peace will, in its great and far-reaching effect, stand as among the very greatest conquests, whether of peace or of war, which have ever been won by any of the peoples of mankind. A badge is to be given to every American citizen who for a specified time has taken part in this work; for participation in it will hereafter be held to reflect honor upon the man participating just as it reflects honor upon a soldier to have belonged to a mighty army in a great war for righteousness. Our fellow countrymen on the isthmus are working for our interest and for the national renown in the same spirit and with the same efficiency that the men of the army and navy work in time of war. It behooves us in our turn to do all we can to hold up their hands and to aid them in every way to bring their great work to a triumphant conclusion.

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CLUB TO HUNT WOLVES.

Plan of Michigan Sportsmen to Protect Farmers and Deer.

Well known Houghton county sportsmen plan forming a club to hunt wolves, writes the Calumet (Mich.) correspondent of the St. Paul Dispatch. Their purpose is to purchase a pack of wolf hounds and to institute a systematic scheme of wolf hunting with these dogs.

Wolves have been hunted successfully with dogs before, and it is possible to do so again. Certain it is that wolves are plentiful enough in the county—too plentiful to suit the purposes of farmers, lumbermen and hunters. The wolf hunting club, if successful, would have a more material success than the mere killing of wolves. Every wolf killed in Houghton county is worth \$45 in bounty, with an additional \$3 if killed in Keweenaw township, where this club is forming. There is no doubt that the wolves in Houghton county are too plentiful for comfort. It is said that in Keweenaw and other southern townships the wolves are so numerous that the farmers and homesteaders are afraid to go out at night to attend to their stock.

Wolves are also a menace to the deer. The extermination of the wolves would greatly assist the state in the preservation of deer, which are rapidly becoming thinned out.

Confusion Over a Name.

"Have you any more witnesses?" Justice Shepard asked of Fred Kelly, a negro, the complaining witness in the arraignment of Will Girts, another negro, in the courtroom at Kansas City, Mo., the other morning. Girts was charged with assaulting Kelly, says the Kansas City Star.

"Yes, sir; I've got witnesses," Kelly answered, and he named several.

"Any more?" the justice asked.

"Yes, sir. Lot More."

"Well, name them."

"Just Lot More," Kelly answered.

"Well, tell me their names. They can't be found that way."

"There ain't no 'em," Kelly said.

"It's a 'him,' and Lot More is his name."

Dr. Crapsey's Farewell Sermon.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Dr. Alger non S. Crapsey preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's church Sunday morning. The church was crowded to the doors. Many of his parishioners were deeply affected. Dr. Crapsey made no reference to his retirement from the ministry.

Thirteen Figure Men.

How much is a trillion? Now that Harriman is said to control \$2,500,000,000 of property, we might as well, says the Providence Journal, be getting ready for the American trillionaires.

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FIVE MINUTES FOR GOSSIP.

Recognition of Pendulous Needs by a Public Office.

A five minute recess twice a day is one of the features of the new administration of the tax collector's office in Springfield, Mass., and its purpose is to prevent the young women clerks from wasting the city's time in gossip. The system has been introduced by the newly elected tax collector, Charles Frazer, says a Springfield special dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean.

For five minutes in the afternoon and for five minutes in the morning the young women may talk about every subject under the sun, but they must talk fast, for at the end of that time a bell sounds, and a hush falls on the room, broken only by such common-places as, "Will you please hand me the typewriter eraser?" or "You'll find it on page 34 in the ledger." Business conversation only is allowed when the recess is over, and even then the clerks are asked to think before they speak, that they may not ask unnecessary questions.

Although most of the clerks in the office have worked together for several years, they are requested to address each other only by their last names during business hours, as it is thought this practice will lend dignity to the office.

In the other offices in the municipal

building conversation is allowed to flow on free and untrammelled, but Tax Collector Frazer thinks his system will be justified by the extra labor which he will get out of his clerks. City clerks have always been extremely popular in Springfield, but now a young woman smiles from taking the civil service examination until she can assure herself that she is not to labor in the tax collector's office.

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Woman Perishes in Fire.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Frank Conrad is believed to have been killed and property valued at about \$10,000 was destroyed in a fire which consumed the American House and badly damaged two adjoining blocks.

AT FIRST SIGHT

By EDITH M. DOANE

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To begin with, she was easily the prettiest girl at Lake Wahconset inn. Then, again, she was Mrs. Baker's niece, and Jimmy Marshall had known Mrs. Baker since he was a little boy, for she and his mother were old friends. So it became the natural thing for him to row with her and dance with her and take her on long drives in his touring car; not that he particularly admired her, he assured himself, but he liked to row and dance and motor, and she was company. Besides, she was a nice enough little thing, and it was less trouble to ask her than to hunt up another girl; then, too, it probably pleased Mrs. Baker to have him pay her niece some little attention.

So, considering that all girls bored him and he had no inclination to pay serious attentions to any of them, it is not to be wondered at that he was first amused, then annoyed, when Mrs. Baker, who was a simple, lovable soul, cornered him on the wide porch one morning and asked him if he were in love with Priscilla.

"Certainly not," he answered decidedly. "She's a mighty nice girl, and of course I like her immensely, but as far as being in love with her is concerned I most certainly am not."

He glanced at Mrs. Baker's plump, troubled features. "Whatever put such an idea in your head?" he demanded. "Surely there has been nothing in my actions?"

"No, I suppose not—that is, as young people act nowadays. And of course I don't mean to meddle—but I couldn't help thinking."

"Don't think any more," he said gayly, "for such an idea has never entered my head—nor Priscilla's either."

"No, I suppose not," returned Mrs. Baker doubtfully. There was a perplexed frown on her usually placid face. He glanced at her sharply. Was it possible that Priscilla attached more importance to their friendship than he did? That was the worst of girls—they were always expecting a fellow to fall in love with them. Still, Priscilla



"SHALL WE TRY TENNIS OR THE CANOE THIS MORNING?"

hadn't seemed that kind. Perhaps she had grown to care for him before she realized it. She couldn't help it, of course, poor little girl! She must never know that he suspected her feelings. It would be hard enough for her when she found how indifferent he was without that. And with a troubled face and hands thrust deep in the pockets of his dannels Jimmy Marshall betook himself to the lake.

Mrs. Baker also was troubled. In the workings of her simple mind two and two made four. Jimmy had devoted himself unceasingly to Priscilla. Why should he have done so unless he were in love with her? Besides, young men were always in love with Priscilla. He was proud and would naturally deny it—dear boy! She would speak to Priscilla. Jimmy was the son of her old friend, and Priscilla should not flirt with him so outrageously.

So it was that Priscilla, stopping to speak to her en route to the lake, found her distinctly aggrieved.

"Priscilla," she began, with as near an approach to dignified severity as her 200 pounds would allow, "I desire you to stop flirting with Jimmy Marshall."

"Nonsense!" returned Priscilla. "You needn't speak to me like that, Priscilla. He is entirely too nice a fellow for you to treat as you do unless—of course if you like him it's different," Mrs. Baker ended mysteriously.

"I suppose I like him well enough," returned Priscilla carelessly. "I never thought much about it. Why, what's the matter?"

"He was just telling me—I don't know that I should repeat it to you," said Mrs. Baker conscientiously.

"Tell me. What did he say?" Priscilla was becoming interested.

"Well, I don't know that he said it in so many words; but, Priscilla, he is in love with you."

"In love with me?" gasped Priscilla, divided between gratification and dismay.

"Yes, and it's too bad," continued Mrs. Baker, with rising indignation. "Really, Priscilla, it's a shame. It will break his heart, and his mother will blame me, and it's dreadful."

"I don't see what I have done," returned Priscilla crossly. It was a pity that a girl couldn't be decently polite to a man without his going and falling in love with her, spoiling everything! Of course everybody would blame her, she reflected in annoyance as she continued her interrupted way to the lake.

Jimmy Marshall saw her coming and went up the path to meet her. With troubled mind he had thought the matter over and decided it must be broken off at once; not so suddenly as to arouse her suspicions, of course, but gently. He would make a casual remark or so about business, then in a couple of days pretend a sudden business call and leave. Of course she would feel terrible, but it would be easier for her in the end. Dear little girl! He was surprised at the wave of tenderness that swept over him.

"Shall we try tennis or the canoe this morning?" In spite of himself his voice sounded forced and unnatural.

"Whichever you prefer. Suppose we say tennis," returned Priscilla, trying to meet his eyes carelessly. Then to her dismay she blushed scarlet while he grew unaccountably red.

How plainly he showed it. How blind she had been, thought Priscilla contritely.

How heartless in him to want to leave her, thought Jimmy, not daring to look at the lovely flushed face.

Jimmy looked very grave during the next few days. It was no little thing to have blighted a young girl's affections, even unconsciously, and when she was such a dainty little thing as Priscilla—so sweet, so sensible, so far above the average in every way—it became a pretty grave proposition. Indeed, he sometimes wondered if he were not in honor bound to marry her anyway.

In the meantime Priscilla, under Mrs. Baker's accusing eye, wilted perceptibly. Probably everybody thought she was glad she had wrought so much mischief. Well, she wasn't. She never dreamed he would take it so to heart. And he was such a big, lovable fellow. Mrs. Baker was right. He was too good to be treated so shabbily.

Jimmy had marshaled his casual remarks about business through two days of painstaking effort and arranged his departure for the third. In order to avoid hurting Priscilla's feelings he asked her to go for a farewell ride on the lake. He would be very friendly, he resolved, and gentle, but he must contrive to let her see that this was the end.

It was while he was wondering just how he should manage it that the accident happened.

They had almost reached the wooded shore opposite when there was a quiver of the boat—a startled cry from Priscilla—an overturned canoe drifting idly on the face of the lake.

"Don't be frightened! We're near shore!" cried Jimmy, shaking the water from his eyes and striking out in her direction. Somehow they reached the opposite bank, he holding her close, while she clung to him half wildly for protection.

"I—I was so frightened!" she said in a wabbly, half hysterical voice, shivering in his arms.

Suddenly at touch of her a strange, sweet madness seized him, and he covered her face with kisses, holding her tight, while she, bewildered by a new, shy happiness, lay passive in his arms.

It was some months later that a matron said in Mrs. Baker's hearing, "Jimmy Marshall and his wife seem desperately in love with each other."

"Yes," responded that lady placidly. "It was a case of love at first sight. I know of what I speak, because I was with them when they met. Indeed, I may say that I saw it from the first," she added, with bland conviction.

Power of Imagination.

It is conceded by scientists that imagination has much power as a curative agent. A concrete example occurred in the experience of Sir Humphry Davy. A man went to him suffering from paralysis to be treated by electricity. When the patient had seated himself Davy, as a preliminary, placed a small glass thermometer beneath his tongue to take his temperature. The sick man thought that this was the instrument for curing him and declared that he felt it run through all his system. Davy, curious to see what lasting effect the imagination would exert, did not undecieve the man, but sent him away, telling him to return daily to have the treatment repeated. The man did as he was told and returned daily to sit in a chair with the end of a little thermometer tucked beneath his tongue. In a few days the paralysis was completely cured by the patient's own imagination.

A Floating Furnace.

Many a mysterious disappearance at sea is believed to have been caused by fire in the coal bunkers, the discovery coming too late to admit of the fire being mastered. For instance, fire broke out on the Ada Iredale, a vessel engaged in the China trade, which many years ago set sail from a Scottish port for San Francisco, carrying a cargo of coal. When the vessel was some 2,000 miles from the Marquesa Islands, in the Pacific ocean, the cargo was found to be on fire. All efforts to extinguish the conflagration were fruitless, and the crew was driven to the boats. The ship, by this time a floating furnace, was left to its fate and drifted, still burning, a distance of 2,420 miles, to Tahiti. Finally taken in tow, she was conveyed safely into port, where for more than a year her cargo still smoldered.

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TOMATO CAN IN DIPLOMACY.

Knocked Off Jap Professor's Silk Hat and Nearly Embroidered Nations.

The boy who threw a tomato can and thereby created an international incident has been found, says a San Francisco special dispatch to the New York Times. He is Sidney Marks of San Francisco, formerly a special delivery postal messenger. It was Sidney who threw the tin can which knocked the silk hat from the head of Professor Omori. That incident came to the knowledge of President Roosevelt and, it is understood in San Francisco, was the circumstance which decided him to let the Japanese paragraphs in his message stand against protests by many of his advisers.

Professor Omori, who is one of the most distinguished of living seismologists, was studying the results of the earthquake near the San Francisco postoffice when the tomato can, aimed with perfect accuracy, knocked his hat off. It was known that the can was thrown by one of a number of boys in the employ of the postoffice who had stopped the professor. The postal superintendent called the boys together and ordered them to tell who was the culprit. Each professed absolute ignorance of the affair. The superintendent then adopted more subtle means of getting at the truth. He told the boys to write the name of the offender on slips of paper, which were deposited in a hat. With complete unanimity the boys named Marks. He saw what was coming and wrote his own name on the slip which had been handed to him. Thereupon he was bounced.

Sidney's own account of the incident is interesting, not only as history of the Japanese-American trouble, but also because it furnishes material for philologists who are interested in the comparative slang of the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. By way of explanatory preface it should be set forth that "Skipple" is an epithet applied to a Japanese in San Francisco.

Sidney says:

"It was this way. There was a bunch of us out behind the postoffice, when one of the gang yelled: 'Pipe the skipple under the dicer! Let's soak 'im!' We let loose for fair, me to be the lucky boy. I bounced a can off his sky piece. He was sure sore. But we sent him down the alley after the naughty boy who did him wrong. I guess the naughty boy thing did not go with the skipple, 'cause Mr. Fiske called us up and gave us a chance to tell who did it."

"Say, the way the gang came through at first was great—nothin' dolt'. Then Mr. Fiske he sees each kid must write the name of the one who bumped the skipple on a piece of paper and put it in a hat. Now, the right frame up was for no name. See? But I spots a couple of the candy boys gettin' cold feet, and it's me Johnny Wise that I'm for a throw down. I coppers the bet with my own skin on my paper. See?"

"Say, do you know what was in that hat? Little Sidney was a red-hot favorite with every vote. That guess I laid on the candy boys' feet saved my reputation, and I was due for the can anyhow. Say, didn't the president put me name in his message after I done something to give him a chance to talk? No? That's pretty punk, isn't it?"

The Cause of Trouble.

She—I can't understand why Lord Busted wants a divorce. His wife had half a million when he married her. He—Yes, and she's got every penny of it still. That's the trouble.—Pick-Me-Up.

Constant complaints never get pity.—German Proverb.

Shah's Condition Unchanged.

Teheran, Dec. 17.—The condition of the shah is unchanged. Ali Mirza, heir apparent to the throne, has arrived in Teheran. He was met outside the city by the Persian war minister, who warmly welcomed him and together they drove to the palace, where they are now with the shah.

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